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Attachments: PGV_000703-PGV_000703 (2).pdf; PGV 7Aug14 Incident Report p1.JPG; PGV 7Aug14 Incident Report p2.jpeg

Mr. Biltoft –

This is in regard to our telephone conversation of Monday 5 January in follow-up to your above-referenced FOIA request and EPA Region 9's response which was posted to FOIAOnline on 10/30/14.

First, with respect to the Puna Geothermal Venture files under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), I informed you that PGV has asserted a CBI claim to the files in EPA's possession. That said, I also told you that this information is indeed available to the public, although the EPCRA program is administered at the state level and each state has established its own procedures for making facility information available to the public. In Hawaii, the program is administered by the Dept. of Health's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office on behalf of the HI State Emergency Response Commission (HSERC). Please see this website for a link (toward the bottom) to Hawaii's public access policy and process –

[http://eha-web.doh.hawaii.gov/eha-cma/Leaders/HEER/right-to-know-\(hepcra\)-compliance](http://eha-web.doh.hawaii.gov/eha-cma/Leaders/HEER/right-to-know-(hepcra)-compliance)

In regard to your questions regarding emissions data from the PGV facility, we discussed that such source data does not exist. When PGV has a release of geothermal fluids it appears to instead monitor ambient concentrations of H2S at specified locations. Although PGV had previously asserted a CBI claim with respect to its incident reporting, at our request they have agreed to our releasing to you the attached pages from the reports generated in connection to the incidents of March 2013 and August 2014.

I hope this helps.

Regards,

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